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Case No.: 55243US009 PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal **Box RCE** Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231 #21 ACE
N. Brunon First Named Inventor: Loder, Harry A. 09/643333 2874 Application No.: **Group Art Unit:** August 22, 2000 Filed: Examiner: Pak, Sung H. OPTICAL FIBER CONNECTOR SYSTEM Title: This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114 Previously submitted  $\boxtimes$ i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on February 14, 2003 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered) Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ii. b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS

iv. Other

2. A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

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